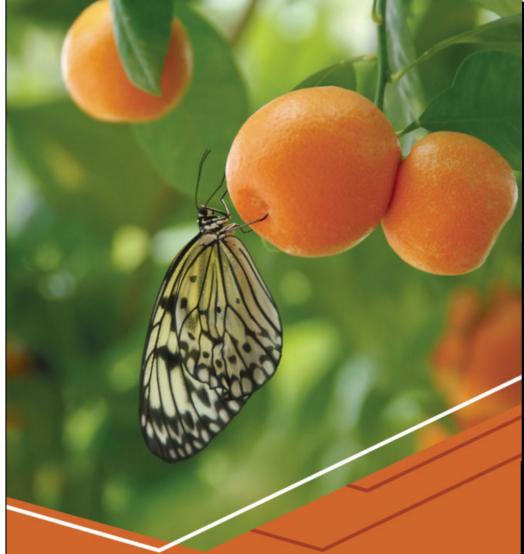
The Cities of God



St. Ferdinand Parish 2535 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township PA, 16066

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

5:00 pm

Holy Redeemer Parish 415 4th Street, Ellwood City PA, 16117

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

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St. Gregory Parish 2 West Beaver Street, Zelienople PA, 16063

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

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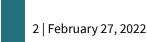
8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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Welcome Everyone

...to "The Cities of God" Catholic Community. OUR three parishes share a diversity of culture and faith experience all united in the one Body of Christ. The doors of OUR churches, as well as the doors of OUR hearts are open, inviting all to join in the journey to new life in Christ within OUR Catholic tradition. OUR hope is to assist one another toward a deeper encounter with the Lord through Word, Sacrament, and Community in faith, hope, and love.



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MASS INTENTIONS

EIIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm (S.F.) Helen Bird (Knights of Columbus Council 11838)

5:00 pm (S.G.) Susan Anne Beymer (Eleanor & Donald Vasco)

5:00 pm (H.R.) Ethel Jeane Greene & Mary Ellen Greene

(Christina Greene)

6:00 pm (S.F.) Mike Margo (Barb Margo)

SUN. FEB. 20 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am (S.G.) Stella Fray (Ed Matasy)

8:00 am (S.F.) Elizabeth Aaron (Carlene A. Plucinsky)

9:00 am (H.R.) Dr. Lawrence Fazioli (Family)

10:00 am (S.F.) David Rocco (Meinert & Rocco Family)

11:00 am (H.R.) Ronald Smilek (Marie Smilek)

11:30 am (S.G.) Dr. Mary Anne DiBagio-Suppa

(Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Woloszyn)

12:00 pm (S.F.) Bonita "Bonnie" Goupil (John & Susan Labos)

5:00 pm (S.F.) Brad Smith (Beth, Caleb, & Eli Markovitz)

MON. FEB. 28

8:00 am (S.G.) Pauline Roman (son, Joe)

8:30 am (S.F.) John Hanna & Elisa Egan (Hanna & Egan Families)

9:00 am (H.R.) Patricia Jean Emilko - Birthday

(Bauer, Bortell, and Lindgren Families)

TUE. MAR. 1

8:00 am (S.G.) Holy Face of Jesus (Anonymous)

8:30 am (S.F.) In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus

9:00 am (H.R.) Walter Feerst (Eileen Hazen)

WED. MAR. 2 ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 am (S.G.) Angie Eppinger (Marie, Ellen, & Bill Knass)

8:30 am (S.F.) Gary Labos (John & Susan Labos)

9:00 am (H.R.) Blanche Colossimo (Shirley Nardone)

12:00 pm (S.F.) Vincent Plocido, Sr. (Slusser Family)

12:05 pm (S.G.) Ash Wednesday Service

3:00 pm (H.R.) Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 pm (S.F.) Catherine Zurga (Tina Krynicki)

7:00 pm (S.G.) Mary Ann Turconi (Lou Ferrario)

7:00 pm (H.R.) Dorothy Crowley (Dave and Vicky Manzo)

THUR. MAR. 3 ST. KATHARINE DREXEL, VIRGIN

8:00 am (S.G.) Angie Eppinger (Polly)

8:30 am (S.F.) Twinkle Roy Therattil (The Panthalukaran Family)

9:00 am (H.R.) Don Mudric III (Mom & Dad)

FRI. MAR. 4 ST. CASIMIR

8:30 am (S.F.) William "Bucky" McAfee (Linda Heery)

Eucharistic Adoration after 8:30 Mass

9:00 am (H.R.) Stephen J. Gorzkowski (wife, Kathy Gorzkowski)

9:15 am(S.G.) Mary Napolitan (John, Carol, Robin, & Barb)

SAT. MAR. 5

8:30 am (S.F.) John Miglioretti (Joyce & Bruce Driehorst)

9:00 am (H.R.) Marilyn Frost (Richard & Ann Tomak)

Confessions: 10:00 am at St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory 12:30 pm at Holy Redeemer

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 pm (S.F.) Tom Salvatore (The Boccardi Family)

5:00 pm (S.G.) Thank you Dear Lord for Prayers Answered (Anonymous)

5:00 pm (H.R.) Deceased Member of the Perazzoni Family (Ann Folino)

6:00 pm (S.F.) John Hazuka (Laura Derosa)

SUN. MAR. 6 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 am (S.G.) Bernadette Lazor (ROLO Group of St. Gregory's)

8:00 am (S.F.) Patrick Fahey (John & Susan Labos)

9:00 am (H.R.) John Kuczynski (Family)

10:00 am (S.F.) Ann Sheehy (Tom & Janie Lander)

11:00 am (H.R.) Sam & Anitia Teolis (Domenic Ferrari)

11:30 am (S.G.) Anna Mae Kelly (daughter, Rita West)

12:00 pm (S.F.) John Earl, Jr. (Mr. & Mrs. John Earl)

5:00 pm (S.F.) Ruth Matthews (McKernan Family)

From Our Administrator

February 27, 2022 | 3

FROM THE ADMINISTATOR'S DESK

TRUE COLORS

There are many talents that I can claim that I definitely do not possess, and one of those is being an artist. I can't draw; I can't paint; I can't mold, I can't carve. Art class in grade school, while being a change of pace, was generally frustrating. That is, until a teacher showed me how to channel my inner messiness. She showed the class how to make stained glass windows with crayons. First, you fully color a sheet of paper with a variety of colors. Then, you color the entire mess with black. After that, you take another sheet of paper and cut out shapes to use this sheet as a stencil. Lastly, through the openings of this second piece of paper, you gently scratch off the black layer of the first piece of paper. Voila! The colors from behind pop out like a stained glass window.

Sometimes, we are quick to judge by appearances before allowing someone to disclose themselves fully. At other times, we are too willing to accept someone by their credentials without waiting for them to speak a word. This weekend, the Book of Sirach advises us not to form an opinion of someone before they have a chance to speak for themselves because in the crucible of the moment a person usually speaks their truest self. In Luke's Gospel this weekend, Jesus reminds us, "...for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." (Lk 6:45) Words may be used to cover over one's intentions, but sooner or later the intentions of the heart come through. The most difficult person to hide from or deny is ourself. St. Paul even calls out death to reveal that it's not the victor that it claims to be. Jesus has displayed the true weakness of death by the power of His cross and resurrection: "But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 15:57) The truth, even if it sits in the background, will always come out.

The days are ticking down until we become a new parish. It's very easy to lose OURselves in the plans and preparations. WE can dream about "What if" and "Hope not". WE can select new names and attend assemblies. WE can merge resources and plan programming. WE can talk a lot, but what lies behind OUR words. WE are called to be "church" – not "church" with a lowercase "c" as in the sense of a church building and not "Church" with an uppercase "C" as in the sense of the universal Church with organization and teachings, but "church" in the sense of a unity of hearts knitted into the One Body of Christ. This is who WE are fashioned to be by the victory of Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. OUR working to build unity needs to be a reflection of the unity first conceived in OUR



REV. PHILIP N. FARRELL

hearts by God Himself. OUR unity of parishes is not what is required of US but what WE have been made for. May WE live and breathe church. May WE speak the truth in love and let OUR true colors shine forth.

God Bless The Cities of God!

PS. In order to stay up-to-date with all things pertinent to our merger, please make sure to attend any one of our three Parish Assemblies this weekend and this coming week:

- · Saturday, 2/26 6:30 P.M. @ St. Gregory Church
- · Sunday 2/27 1:30 P.M. @ St. Ferdinand Church
- · Tuesday 3/1 6:30 P.M. @ Holy Redeemer Church

Of course, the Saturday night Assembly will be livestreamed and on our YouTube channel for viewing at your convenience.

PPS. In order to have a say in the naming of our new parish, please remember to submit your ballot by 3/15. Every registered and active parishioner is eligible to vote. The ballot has the six names that Bishop Zubik preapproved. In your submission, you may select three of the names. The top five vote-getters will be submitted to the Bishop with our petition to merge at the end of March. Our recent mailing to each household included one paper ballot. Additional paper ballots can be obtained in the vestibule of each of our three churches and at each of our three parish offices. Also, an electronic version of the ballot can be completed on our website.

PPS. This weekend we begin our annual Parish Share Program collection – "One Body in Christ". Since our Diocese has no weekly collection of its own, Parish Share provides for the many services and support offered to and used by our parishes on a daily basis. It also helps to defray the cost of preparing young men in their training for the priesthood. Please be generous in supporting the work of the Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested. (Sir 27:7)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

Gospel:

"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good,

but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." (Lk 6:45)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Sunday:

Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/ Lk 6:39-4

Monday:

1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday:

1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-1

Saturday:

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday:

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/

Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

TAKE UP THE CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS AND FAMILIES OF:

Carmen Wurdack, mother of Karl Wurdack and **Mary 'Dolly' Frances Lucas**, mother of Steve Lucas. May the souls of our deceased parish members and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to eternal life in the heavenly kingdom. Amen

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in loving memory of **St. Ferdinand:**

Helen Gonsowski

from daughters, Joan & Marion

PRAYER GARDEN CANDLES

A prayer Garden Candle will burn this week in loving memory of:

St. Ferdinand:

Catherine Zurga from Tina

Jean Deery

from husband, Jim

Bonnie Mihok

from twin sister, Donna



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

St. Gregory:

Norbert Miller

from Wife

Holy Redeemer:

Altar Flowers-

In Memory of Warren Ottobre's 100th Birthday

from Virginia, Warren, Anita & Deanna



SACRAMENTS

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturdays at 10:00 am at St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory and Saturday at 12:30 at Holy Redeemer.

Anointing: Contact the Parish Office before entering the hospital for a scheduled surgery or an illness, or contact the Pastoral Care Department of the Hospital.

Marriage: Please call six months in advance for an appointment with a priest. Marriage preparation classes are required. Call the Parish Office as soon as possible to schedule.

Baptism for Adults: Through Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Baptism for Infants: By appointment. Please call the Parish Office at least two months in advance. A Baptism class is required for parents. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Victims of Sexual Abuse Hotline 1.888.808.1235 Diocesan Victim Assistance Office 412.456.3093 PA Childline 1.800.932.0313

Prayer and Parish Office Information

February 27, 2022 | 5 PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING CITIES OF GOD PARISHIONERS

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Joy McElwain **Doreen Tomon** Krissy White Anthony Palagallo Smail Family Julie Tomon Clarence Marsh Catherine Shuttleworth Brooks Anthony Sarver John D'Leonardo Bethany Burick Beth Jansen B.J. Biondi Michael Garrett Gus Fornataro Nancy Smith James M. Hackett John/Mary Guerrini James W. Hackett

Antoinette Pansera Luca Bartolomeo-Damon Terri Anglin Helen Guv Marlene Measel George Sauers Mary Tomayko Helen Colossimo Jody Minteer

Kathleen Russo Doreen Tomon Julie Tomon Anthony Palagallo

Brian Debbie Schaefer Cindy Bennett

Diane Scott Rav Lutz Bruce Patrick Lisa Vincik John Kati

David Izzo, Sr.

Call:

St. Ferdinand-724.776.2888 Holy Redeemer - 724.758.4411 St. Gregory-724.452.7245 to add or delete a name. Only family members are

to call!

Prayer Intentions will run for 1 month. If you would like an additional month

please let us know.

PARISH OFFICE

ST. FERDINAND

Karen Williams

Helen Yuricha

Mike Yuricha

Jim Thornton

Kathleen Russo

Judy Bokor

Administration Office

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 724.776.2888 Fax: 724.776.2378

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Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm And during Faith Formation Classes 724.776.9177 Fax: 724.776.6640

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Parish Office 724.776.2888

Music Ministry

724.776.2888 ext. 401

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Pastoral Council - pastoralcouncil@stferd.org

Safe Environment - ckunzsafeenvironment@gmail.com

Small Faith Communities 724.776.1357

Website - www. stferd.org

Youth Ministry Office - 724.776.1920

ST. GREGORY

Administration Office

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

724.452.7245 Fax: 724.452.4064 parishoffice@stgregzelie.org

Ritzert Hall Rental (temporarily suspended)

724.452.7245

Directory

St. Gregory School - 724. 452.9731 schooloffice@stgregzelie.org School Website -www.stgregzelie.org Church Website - www.stgregparish.org

Bulletin: AKucan@stferd.org

The bulletin deadline for submitting articles is ten days before the bulletin date (except for Holidays). All articles must be written in paragraph form and include a name and phone number. Pdf articles are not accepted for print in the bulletin. For complete article submission guidelines, please visit our website at https://stferd.org/

HOLY REDEEMER

Administration Office

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Closed for Lunch 12:30pm - 1:00 pm 724.758.4411 Fax: 724.752.1466 holvrdmrec@zoominternet.net

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724.752.1271

Social Services

724.758.3465

Music Ministry

724.752.9518

Catholic Parish Cemetery Association

724.323.0033

2022 dates are available for Altar and Tabernacle Flowers. Please call **Holy Redeemer Church** office if you are interested in purchasing flowers for any available weekend. Donation is \$50.

BAPTISM CLASSES

One parent preparation session is required before baptism. Please come before the baby is born.

* Classes at Holy Redeemer are on April 6, 2022, July 13, 2022, and October 12, 2022 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center.

Pre-registration is required by calling 724.758.4411

* Classes at St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory are on April 4, 2022, and June 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Pre-registration is required by calling724.776.2888 ext. 101



READERS

ST. FERDINAND

February 26/27, 2022

4:00 pm - Daria Kubisiak

6:00 pm - Joe Renaud

8:00 am - Richard Duggan

10:00 am - Emeka Emecheta

12:00 pm - Art Riccadonna

5:00 pm - John Meyers

March 5/6, 2022

4:00 pm - Rich Fuga

6:00 pm - Art Riccadonna

8:00 am - Bill Yates

10:00 am - Patricia DiVito

12:00 pm - Mary Samsa

5:00 pm - Michael Garczynski

HOLY REDEEMER

February 26/27, 2022

5:00 pm - Stacey Cunningham

9:00 am - Mary Anne Mansell

11:00 am - David DeCaria

March 2, 2022

7:00 pm - Guy Calabro

March 5/6, 2022

5:00 pm - Virginia Ottaviani

9:00 am - John Biondi

11:00 am - Grace DeCaria

ST. GREGORY

February 26/27, 2022

5:00 pm - J.R. Lovre

8:00 am - Lorie Voland

11:30 am - Christina Weigand

March 5/6, 2022

5:00 pm - Valerie Bucek

8:00 am - Chuck Schaum

11:30 am - Sophia Stumm



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

ST. FERDINAND

February 26/27, 2022

4:00 pm - Dolly Beck, Mike Lynch, Peggy Moravek, Jim Beck

6:00 pm - Betsy Diana, Carol Herman, Julie Heidish

8:00 am - David Creedon, Norma Wolff, Jim Haefner, Karen Good

10:00 am - Fred Galovich, Sherry Maudie, Ray Maudie, James Shipley

12:00 pm - Sally Jack, Dan Drotar, Daniel Flynn, Marl DeNapoli

5:00 pm - Pat Way, Tom Way, Cynthia Olshavsky, Kathleen Kozmin

March 5/6, 2022

4:00 pm - Vera Belfiore, Sharon Beck, Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski, Connie Gruca

6:00 pm - Barbara Margo, Richard Kucia, Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski, Eileen Newara

8:00 am - Beverly Quinn-Huston, Carol Bartley, Anthony Bartley, David Creeedon

10:00 am - Sherry Maudie, Barbara Moeller, Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski, Bob Meinert

12:00 pm - John Milius, Mazie Pliskaner, Melinda Terbosic, Judy Sapos

5:00 pm - Tom Way, Pat Way, Tom Moravek

HOLY REDEEMER (* GOES TO TABERNACLE)

February 26/27, 2022

5:00 pm - *Betsy Petti, LuAnn Salvati, Karen Woloszyn

9:00 am - *Alena Kucan, Grace Fornataro, Cathy DeBlaso

11:00 am - *Kathy Gorzkowski, Paula Keane, Mary Ann Viccari

March 2, 2022

7:00 pm - *Jackie Dimeo, Patty Kuhn, Anne Cvetich

March 5/6, 2022

5:00 pm - *Dave Raybuck, Annie Raybuck, Kay Bellissimo

9:00 am - *Barb Russo, Mimi Spade, Jan Zayas

11:00 am - *Francine Hunter, Rosina Betz, Loretta Silvestri

ST. GREGORY

February 26/27, 2022

5:00 pm - Mark Lutz, Frances Tartel, Michael Gaydosz

8:00 am - Denise Knauff, Dan Sauers, Carol Keener

11:30 am - Mary Barry, Michael Smith, Jason Burr

March 5/6, 2022

5:00 pm - Mark Lutz, Frances Tartel, Michael Gaydosz

8:00 am - Denise Knauff, Dan Sauers, Carol Keener

11:30 am - Mary Barry, Michael Smith, Jason Burr

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Server Schedule Coming Soon (St. Ferdinand is already Scheduled in the app)

FAITH FORMATION ST. FERDINAND:

Sessions resume on Sunday, February 27, Monday, February 28, and Tuesday, March 1.

Up Coming Dates:

Confirmation Retreats: March 5 & 12 Sacrament of Confirmation: April 2 Jesus Day Retreats: March 26

Sacrament of 1st Eucharist: Sunday, May 15. If you have any questions, please given the Faith Formation Office a call at 724-776-9177.

ST. GREGORY:

Sessions resume Sunday, February 27.

Up Coming Dates:

Confirmation Retreats: March 5 & 12 Sacrament of Confirmation: April 2 Jesus Day Retreats: March 26

Sacrament of 1st Eucharist: Sunday, April 24. If you have any questions, please given the Faith Formation Office a call at 724-776-9177.

HOLY REDEEMER:

Grades 1 – 6: Monday, February 28 and March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 4:45 pm to 6:00 pm. Grades 7 – 8: Sunday, February 27 and March 6 & 13 at 6:00pm to 8:00 pm Up Coming Dates:

Confirmation Retreats: March 5 (HR) & 12 Sacrament of Confirmation: April 2 (1 p.m.)

Jesus Day Retreats: March 26

Sacrament of 1st Eucharist: Sunday, May 1. If you have questions please contact Kay at 724.758.4411, ext. 222 or

hrreledu@zoominternet.net.

Confirmation Retreats are scheduled for March 5 (St. Greg's & Holy Redeemer) and March 12 (St. Ferd's) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Camp & Retreat Center (OLMC), 289 Camp Elliot Ln, Volant, PA 16156. Carpooling is encouraged.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us in worship of our Lord in the Eucharist. Holy Hours are now being regularly observed at both our St. Ferdinand and St. Gregory worship sites, as follows: St. Ferdinand- every Friday morning from 9:00 am. to 10:00 am.; and St. Gregory- every second and fourth Thursday evening from 6:30 pm. to 7:30 pm. Come spend some time in silent fellowship with Jesus, really present in the Eucharist. All are welcome for all or any part of the Holy Hour. We look forward to seeing you, but more importantly, so does our Lord. CORPUS SANGUIS ANIMA et DIVINIITAS





COME PRAY WITH US -- FROM HOME! LOOKING FOR A GREAT WAY TO KICK OFF YOUR DAY?

Is it often too tough to be up and about before that first cup-O-Joe? Well, bring your steeping hot mug and come join us from the comfort of your home - on ZOOM - for morning prayers, as we come together for the rosary, daily petitions, the daily Mass readings and a brief reflection. This regional on-line prayer group started to meet at the beginning of the COVID shut down back in March of 2020 with a group of faithful Catholics, including Deacon Jeff, in response to the need for a spiritual experience in those isolating days, but now continues to welcome participants from many neighboring North suburb parishes as well as friends and family members from all over the country. We start each morning promptly at 7:00 am, and finish by about 7:40 am. Feel like you might want to join but don't want to have to get all gussied up that early in the morning? No problem, leave your video feed off!

 we won't mind. If you are interested in joining this group, or even just checking it out, email Deacon Jeff at Jeff@stferd.org and he will send you the zoom link.

ST. FERDINAND'S CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENT REQUEST

Due to the current circumstances, a seven day notice is required to process a contribution statement request. Please call St. Ferdinand's office at 724.776.2888 to request yours. Statements can be picked up or mailed.



ST. PATRICK'S POT OF GOLD

Holy Redeemer's Holy Name Society's St. Patrick's Pot of Gold tickets are available for \$5.00 at Holy Redeemer Church Office. Prizes are \$500 on March 15 and 16 and \$1500 on March 17 based on the 3 digit Lottery number. Call the church office at 724.758.4411 Ext. 110 if you have any questions. Good Luck!



2022 HOLY REDEEMER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP (SAG) \$UPER \$PECIAL

Tickets have arrived and are available from any member or the parish office. These \$120 tickets pay \$135 Sunday thru Friday and \$500, \$750 or \$1000 on Saturdays, based on the 3 digit PA lottery evening number, from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. If there is a special number you wish, call the parish office at 724.758.4411. Good Luck!



SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH DEACON DON PEPE

Please join Deacon Don Pepe on Monday, March 7 at 7:00 pm. He will be leading us in a scripture study that will take us a little deeper into the Sunday Gospel. Given the recent COVID surge, if you are hesitant to attend Mass in-person, this is an excellent opportunity to discover the beauty of scripture and grow in your relationship with Christ as Deacon Don explains, discusses, and answers questions about the week's Gospel. All are welcome no matter where you are in your faith journey and regardless of your previous scripture study experience. To join Deacon Don for this Scripture Study, if you haven't already, you must register by Wednesday, March 2 so you can receive a Zoom link. Please send an email to jeff@stferd.org with your name and preferred email address. You will then receive a link to join the Zoom session by Thursday, March 3.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND STATION OF THE CROSS

Ash Wednesday:

St. Ferdinand - 8:30 am, 12:00 pm, & 7:00 pm St. Gregory - 8:00 am, 12:05 pm, 7:00 pm Holy Redeemer - 9:00 am, 3:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross:

St. Ferdinand - After the 8:30 am mass followed by Adoration; 7:00 pm followed by Adoration St. Gregory - 7:00 pm followed by Adoration Holy Redeemer - 7:00 pm followed by Adoration

ST. GREGORY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

We have some very exciting news to share about how you can help us raise \$100,000 for our great school! Please scan QR code with smart phone to watch the video below and scan the QR code to donate!







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- Beverage (Dine In Only)

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For take out and curbside call 724-452-8010 after 3:30 to order.

For curb side, please have cash or check (made out to St. Gregory PTG) ready when you pick up your order.

Park in one of the designated spots on Pine Street and call the number above to let us know you have arrived.

FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY FESTIVAL

The merger of our three parishes in The Cities of God is only a few months away. There's no better way for us to feel like we belong together than through a festival for our new parish: we work together, we celebrate together, we profit together. We would like to begin planning so that everyone can join in. A tentative weekend has been set for August 12, 13, and 14. To have a big festival, we need to have a big space, and so we're looking to bring all of the festivities to the grounds of St. Ferdinand. WE need YOU to be there!! We are seeking volunteers to head a variety of activities. Please call the office at St. Ferdinand – 724.776.2888 – and press option 101 for a list of available opportunities. This is the ideal way for us to meet and to commit to our new family.











From March 2nd – April 10, you're invited to join

other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:

Nikki Bruni, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com, or Donna Goss at gdgoss620@gmail.com

- 20,689 babies saved
- 229 abortion workers converted
- 114 abortion centers closed!

Kick-off Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm, followed by a Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood led by Fr. Chris Donley, Pastor of Divine Mercy Parish. All Christians are welcome to participate! This is a free event.





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Our
"Saints Alive"
program returned this
year and the 5th graders
did a wonderful job
portraying one of their
favorite saints and we all
learned some interesting
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100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

Grateful for the parishioners, students and the many others who have blessed their Franciscan journey, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God wish to extend an invitation to join them in celebration of their 100th anniversary on March 12, 2022. Liturgy will be at 1:00 PM at St. Thomas More Church in Pittsburgh's South Hills with Bishop David Zubik serving as Celebrant. A special reception with light refreshments will follow. Anyone who plans to attend should call Mimi DiGregory at 412.882.9911 or info@osfprov.org by February 25.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2022 C.O.A.L. RAFFLE

Knights of Columbus2022 Chance of a Lifetime (C.O.A.L.) Raffle tickets are currently available. Tickets are \$5 each. The drawing is Friday, May 13 with a Grand Prize of \$15,000. Additional prizes of cash range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Sixteen prizes in all. Tickets can be ordered by emailing name, address, and number of tickets requested to jkimpavido@yahoo.com (St. Ferdinand Church) or st.gregkoc@yahoo.com (St. Gregory Church). Proceeds benefit The Knights of Columbus PA State Scholarship Fund and the St. Ferdinand Father Joseph P. Newell Council #11838 and St. Gregory Council #6177 charitable efforts.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St. Ferdinand Church will be participating in the 40 days for Life event this spring. On Saturday, March 12 from 9:00 am -11:00 am and again on Friday, April 1 from 11:00 am- 1:00 pm, St. Ferdinand will link with dozens of area Churches in the completion of two shifts at the ongoing Peaceful Vigil held at 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh (Planned Parenthood location). The Respect Life Committee would like to invite anyone interested to join us for either of our vigil shifts. We are hoping for a strong St. Ferdinand turn-out to show our support for the Pro-Life movement. The vigil will involve periods of prayer and reflection. You do not have to be present for the entire shift to participate, as we would welcome anytime you could make it. It is completely acceptable to bring a chair if standing for long periods is an issue. For more information, please contact Bill at 724.772.7962.

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY NEWS

A Saint Patrick Celebration with dinner and Irish Music will be held on Sunday,
March 27 in the hall of St. Francis of Assisi Church,
2599 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh.
Doors open at 4:30 pm, dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by music, dancing, and a basket raffle. Tickets are \$50 per person and only 50 tickets will be sold. For tickets, please call 412.378.9290 or via our website,
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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Souper Bowl of Caring collection held at Holy Redeemer on Super Bowl weekend. \$1426.00 was collected for our diocesan mission in Chimbote, Peru, Catholic Relief Services and the Holy Redeemer Social Services & Food Pantry.







ST. GREGORY SUPER BINGO

St. Gregory SUPER BINGO is next Sunday, March 6. Doors open at 12:30 pm and Early Birds start at 1:15 pm. Tickets are \$30 (cash only) and are available at the door. 50/50 raffle and 1000 pts. jackpot. Join us for a fun afternoon!



To all Existing and Potential Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

As our three church sites become fully integrated in preparation for our merger in July, it is exciting for me to make the invitation to again engage all our parishioners in the service of our parish families at Mass.

At this time, I am asking that all current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion ("EMHC"s) who are indeed willing to continue to serve, to let your respective parish office know of your desire to do so. You can do so by merely filling out the form provided below and dropping it off in the parish office or in the collection basket at Mass. If you are currently serving as an EMHC, and fail to contact your respective parish office, we will assume you would prefer to no longer serve and remove you from the list. To insure your name is on the active list, please contact us by March 18, 2022.

For any parishioner who is not an EMHC and would like to become one, please contact your respective parish office with the information on the form below. Take a moment to pray and discern in your family if you would like to embark on this beautiful service to our parish family. Again, please do so by March 18, 2022.

It is important to note that as our three parish sites continue to work and progress toward a merged parish in July of 2022, ministries take on an even more important role. You may even be able, if it is an individual and family desire to do so, to serve at all three parish sites. This is NOT a requirement, but it may be an exciting possibility for anyone who wishes to do so.

Once I have a current list of who is interested in serving as an EMHC, we will schedule mandatory training and provide the necessary information for both a refresher for veterans and complete orientation for all new ministers. Do not be nervous, we will be there with you to give you support, guidance and love in this ministry.

God bless you all and I look forward to making this journey with all of you.

Deacon Jeff Ludwikowski Pastoral Associate		
February 17, 2022		
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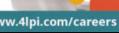
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